

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending of which, claims 14-19 stand allowed, claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected, and claims 6, 7, 9, and 11 stand objected to. Claims 1, 10, and 11 have been amended herein and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled herein.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, a "VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is enclosed, following these remarks.

Applicant submitted proposed drawing corrections in the reply filed March 5, 2002. These corrections involved relocating the reference arrow indications for reference character "95" in FIGS. 2 and 3 so that the arrows correctly identify the snap ring element. No indication has been provided in the last two office actions as to whether these corrections have been approved by the examiner. Another copy of these proposed drawings corrections is enclosed for the examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully requests approval of these corrections in the next Office action.

Claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,315,435 to Hamilton *et al.* (Hamilton) in view of U.S. Patent 3,644,728 to Hessemer *et al.* (Hessemer). In response thereto, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter originally recited in canceled claims 8 and 9. Thus, claim 1 now calls for *a first gear secured with respect to said shaft, and a second gear rotatable by said first motor, wherein operation of said first motor causes said first and second gears to engage and*

rotate said assembly about said shaft in said first plane; and a washer including a plurality of tabs positioned so as to limit rotation of said assembly by said first motor.

Hamilton in view of Hessemer fail to teach or suggest the subject matter presently recited in claim 1. Moreover, there is no motivation for modifying Hamilton in view of Hessemer to arrive at the presently claimed invention of claim 1.

Further, it is not understood why claim 10 is included in this rejection, as this claim originally depended directly from claim 9, which contains allowable subject matter. In any case, claim 10 has been amended herein to depend directly from claim 1.

The arguments set forth above regarding claim 1 also apply to dependent claims 2-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

Submitted herewith is an information disclosure statement including a Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed therein.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 1-7 and 10-19 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

A fee in the amount of \$180.00 is included with this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment

to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following marked-up claims correspond to the replacement claims of this amendment.

1.(TWICE AMENDED) A searchlight device comprising:

a housing including a first end;

a window in the first end of said housing;

a lamp disposed within said housing so as to emit light through said window;

a shaft; [and,]

a positioning assembly secured within said housing, said positioning assembly including:

a first motor operable to rotate said housing in a first plane with respect to said shaft, and a

second motor operable to pivot said housing in a second plane with respect to said shaft;

a first gear secured with respect to said shaft, and a second gear rotatable by said first motor, wherein operation of said first motor causes said first and second gears to engage and rotate said assembly about said shaft in said first plane; and

a washer including a plurality of tabs positioned so as to limit said rotation of said assembly by said first motor.

10.(AMENDED) The device of Claim [9] 1, wherein said rotation is limited to approximately

380 degrees.

11.(AMENDED) The device of Claim [8] 1, further comprising a first section gear being fixed with respect to said positioning assembly and a third gear being rotatable by said second motor, whereby operation of said second motor causes said first section gear and said third gear to

engage thereby causing said third gear to travel along said first section gear and pivot said housing in said second plane